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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: LEVESQUE ET AL. Examiner: B. SISSON  
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231



Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 24, 2001, said period of response being extended from November 24, 2001, to February 24, 2002, which was Sunday, further extending period of response to February 25, 2002.

**Please charge the extension fee in the amount of \$460.00 to Deposit Account  
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Respectfully submitted,

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